

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 9, amend the second full paragraph (lines 10-17) as follows:

Alternatively, tubule 22 may be connected to nipple 42 via any equivalent method, such as a threaded coupling, a force-lock fit, or a snap-on coupling (none separately illustrated). In the case of a threaded or screw coupling, detachment of tubule 22 from nipple 42 is implemented by turning the tubule from the proximal end thereof. Of course, tubule 22 would be made of a material with a sufficient rigidity to transmit the twisting torque from the proximal end outside the patient to the distal end at nipple 42. In the case of a force-lock fit, a separate rod or the distal end of the ~~endoscope may~~ endoscope may be used to hold the nipple 42 while the tubule 22 is pulled in a proximal direction.